

1. - 13. (canceled)

14. (previously amended) A modular fence for discouraging burrowing animals, comprising:

a plurality of modules each having;

a plurality of generally parallel elongate members each having an upper end and a tapered lower end;

upper and lower crossbars connecting said plurality of elongate members in a row comprising a pair of end members and a plurality of intermediate members, wherein said elongate members have a spacing of between about 1 inch and about 2 ½ inches, each of said upper and lower crossbars comprising a continuous, solid, homogeneously formed and unbroken member;

two pairs of lips, each pair comprising upper and lower lips, each pair of lips extending outwardly beyond a corresponding one of said pair of end members, each of said pairs of lips providing guides for receiving an elongate stake for connecting each pair of lips to a corresponding pair of lips on another module;

said tapered lower ends of said elongate members extending at least about 3 inches below said lower crossbar for insertion into ground;

said elongate members extending at least about 16 inches above said lower crossbar;

wherein some of said plurality of said modules each include a generally straight row of said elongate members;

wherein some of said plurality of said modules each include a curved row of said elongate members;

wherein said elongate stake includes a tapered lower end for insertion into said ground, and wherein said elongate stake is no more than about 2 ½ inches away from said corresponding end members of said connected modules.

15. (original) A modular fence according to claim 14, further comprising an anchor brace inserted into said ground, said anchor brace having a cross section that is larger than said elongate stake and said members and at lease one lip protruding outwardly from said brace, said lip of said brace including a guide for receiving said elongate stake.
16. (canceled).